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MEMORANDUM TO: CHIEF, ICAPS

SUBJECT : Bureau of Mines Appropriation for Foreign Mineral Attaches

1. Attached hereto are memoranda submitted by the Bureau of Mines with respect to Foreign Mineral Economics to the House Appropriations Committee around 7 February 1947.

2. The Bureau of Mines now has three minerals specialists serving abroad as staff officers with the American Foreign Service. It is hoped that these men will serve as the nucleus of the unit described in paragraph 2 of the accompanying memorandum (Enclosure No. 1). If the requested funds are denied, these three staff officers will have to be dismissed and the project abandoned.

3. Intelligence regarding essential minerals and substitutes, as to production, reserves, exports, imports, stockpiles and consumption, is necessary in preparing analyses of a country's internal economy, its foreign relations, and its war-making potential, and is needed to effect U. S. procurement of strategic and critical materials. The Office of Reports and Estimates will have a continuing requirement for the most complete and accurate information of this type.

4. It is recommended that the Central Intelligence Group extend such support as is proper and consistent with its policies to the above request of the Bureau of Mines.

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